Rural roads in Gujarat

1679. PROF. ALKABALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to construct roads in rural areas in the State of Gujarat during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the total kilometers of roads to be constructed; and

(c) the total fund allotted to the State Government for the construction of these roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATISURYAKANTAPATIL): (a) to (c) During the current financial year 2004-05 proposal for construction of 266.21 km. of roads under Phase IV of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana(PMGSY) in Gujarat have been considered by the Empowered Committee. Release of funds is dependent on utilization of earlier released amounts.

Production of bivoltlne silk

1680. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the production of bivoltine silk in the country during 2003-04;

(b) what is the estimated production of bivoltine silk in the country during 2004-05;

(c) the expected production of bivoltine silk form Karnataka during 2004-05;

(d) whether there is any proposal to introduce sericulture technology machines to increase production of bivoltine silk;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) how many such sericulture technology machines are proposed to be provided to the farmers in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) Production of bivoltine silk in the country during 2003-04 was 609 MT.

(b) Estimated production of bivoltine silk in the country during 2004-05 is around 950 MT.